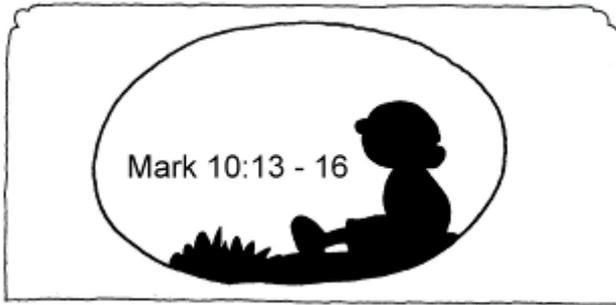


JESUS loves children

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Jesus loved children.
They felt safe with him.
You are never alone,
Jesus loves you.



Mothers were always bringing
their little children
and babies to Jesus
to hold and bless.



Jesus loved to see them
and the children
felt safe with Jesus.
Jesus was kind and gentle.



But Jesus helps
thought that Jesus was too busy
to be holding babies.
They tried to send the mothers away.



Jesus said to his helpers,
"Let the children come to me.
Don't send them away.
They are precious to God."



Truly, anyone who
doesn't love God
just like these children do
won't get to heaven," Jesus said.



Then Jesus held
the little children
in his arms
and prayed for them.



And all over the world
little children, like me,
still love Jesus
and want to stay close to him.